

Bringing the County Closer to You!

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September 23, 2016

UCAB Land Use Committee Meeting

Monday, October 10 7:00pm-9:00pm Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: "Fix270Now Coalition"

Guest: Rich Parsons, Suburban Maryland Transportation Alliance

UCAB Quality of Life Committee Meeting

Monday, October 17 7:00pm-9:00pm Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: "Economic Development – Positioning Montgomery County & North County"

Guest: tbd

Sunday, September 25, 2016 • 1 - 5 pm
Wheaton Regional Park

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The Montgomery County Friendship Picnic will bring people from diverse cultures and faiths together to make new friends and discuss ways to build a stronger community. This event is endorsed and supported by the Montgomery County Committee on Hate/Violence (COHV), the Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, the Montgomery County Human Rights Commission, the Montgomery County Office of Community Partnerships, and the Montgomery County Executive's Faith Community Working Group. (press release | flyer in pdf)



County Councilmember Craig Rice to hold Montgomery Village Community Meeting
Wednesday, September 28 6:30pm
Watkins Mill High School Cafeteria
10301 Apple Ridge Road, Gaithersburg

Come to discuss Montgomery Villages issues and opportunities such as the redevelopment of the town center and other development projects, get road updates, schools, etc.

Emergency Drainage Project: West Willard Road, Poolesville

The County's Department of Transportation will start an emergency storm drain pipe replacement project in late September 2016. Due to a pavement depression in the roadway, staff inspected the area and found that the existing corrugated metal pipes have deteriorated and need to be replaced. Two failed pipes will be replaced with concrete pipes. This work requires the closure of a small section of West Willard Road so follow the detour signs. The project is expected to take three (3) weeks to complete, weather permitting.



Road Project: Repaving of Brink Road

The project that falls between Woodfield Road (MD 124) and Wightman Road began this month and will include roadway milling and hot mix asphalt paving as well as concrete repairs to deteriorating curbs, gutters and sidewalks. The project will take about five weeks to complete, weather permitting, and work will be done between 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. Access will be available at all times, but minor delays may occur.



Residential Road Resurfacing Project: Streets and Courts off of Brink Road

Road repairs and resurfacing will take place on several small streets and courts of Brink Road. The project is scheduled to begin in late September 2016 and take 4 to 5 weeks to complete, weather permitting. Work hours will be between 7:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.



If you have any questions about any of these projects, contact Josh Faust, Public Outreach Manager, at 240-777-7642 or josh.faust@montgomerycountymd.gov.

To learn the status of other road repair work, visit http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-highway/index.html

Montgomery College's Fall 2016 Season of Athenaeum Events

Wednesday, September 28 12:00pm Montgomery College-Germantown Campus High Tech Building, Globe Hall 20200 Observation Drive, Germantown

Guest: Nadia Hashimi, author

Nadia Hashimi paints a poignant picture of two generations of women in Afghanistan. The ancient custom of *bacha posh*, allowing a young woman to dress and be treated as a son until she is of marriageable age, plays a role in the lives of both women. **No reservations required.**

For questions, contact Joan Naake at 240-567-1951 or Email: <u>joan.naake@montgomerycollege.edu</u>. For accommodations, please call 240-567-7767 or 240-567-6967

For more information on the College's Athenaeum Series, visit http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/athenaeum



What You Need to Know About Montgomery County's New "Earned Sick and Safe Leave Law"

The County's new Earned Sick and Safe Leave Law goes into effect on October 1. It will require most employers in the County to provide earned sick and safe leave to employees for work performed in the County. The intent of the law is to provide employees with paid leave or time off to take care of things such as sickness, family illnesses or domestic violence.

- Poster outlining the law's provisions and contact information.
- Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the law.

Ride On Will Begin New Service Between Tobytown Drive in Potomac and Rockville Metro Station

On October 2, 2016, Ride On will implement new service between Tobytown Drive in Potomac and Rockville Metro Station via Shady Grove Hospital. Major roads served will include Travilah Road, Wootton Parkway, Falls Road and Great Falls Road. The new route is called Route 301.

In July 2016, Montgomery County Ride On invited public comments on two proposed routings for this service. Ride On developed the service plan after receiving written and oral comments, including at the July 28, 2016 public forum at Travilah Elementary School in North Potomac.

Riders will be able to connect to Metrorail and other Ride On services at the Rockville Metro Station and several other major points of interest along the route. Those include:

- Thomas S. Wootton High School
- Robert Frost Middle School
- Travilah Elementary School
- Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac Community Recreation Center (which opens October 22 and includes a senior center)
- Potomac Oak Shopping Center at Travilah and Glen Roads
- Glenstone Museum (limited service)
- Rockville Library
- Adventist HealthCare Shady Grove Medical Center

Route 301 will operate seven days a week, between approximately 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. The bus schedule is available online.

On an introductory basis, bus fares will be free throughout October 2016. Beginning November 1, 2016, standard Ride On fares and <u>discounts</u> will apply; these include free fares for seniors and persons with disabilities from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Kids Ride Free from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For the first month or two, the new service will be operated with a bus that does not have the traditional Ride On paint colors. Riders will see a white bus with Ride On logos.

More information about Ride On schedules and routes is available at www.rideonbus.com. Sign up for email alerts or follow Ride On via Facebook and Twitter.

Legislation introduced to Protect Neighborhoods from Vacant and Foreclosed Properties

The two bills will require owners to register their properties, leading to better upkeep when they are unoccupied.

Two bills have been introduced that would protect neighborhoods that have unmaintained vacant or foreclosed properties. Both bills will be the subject of public hearings tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 18. The intent of both bills is to keep unmaintained properties from becoming a nuisance to the community.

Bills 38-16 and 39-16 are intended to "provide the County with new tools to enforce current law, ensure homes are properly maintained and taxes are paid, and encourage delinquent or absentee owners to rent, occupy or sell the property."

For more details, contact Councilmember Tom Hucker's office at 240-777-7960 or see the press release at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=17386

Volunteers Sought for Homeless Resource Day

Montgomery County and the City of Gaithersburg are once again hosting <u>Homeless Resource Day</u>, now named in memory of Nadim Kahn, who helped found the event in 2011 and worked tirelessly to ensure its success. The one-on-one matching of navigators with clients is a focal point of the day, allowing clients to easily access the 80+ service and resource stations that will be on site. The event takes place on Thursday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the <u>Activity Center at Bohrer Park</u>. Click <u>here</u> to learn how you can help.

Montgomery County Council to Host Town Hall Meeting for Students Wednesday, October 5 7:30pm Council Office Building 3rd fl Hearing Room 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

A pre-meeting reception will begin at 7 p.m. in the building's second-floor cafeteria. At the reception, students will have a chance to meet with Councilmembers and talk with them in an informal setting.

High school, middle school and local college students can express views and ask questions of Councilmembers on issues such as starting the school year after Labor Day

For the past several years, the Montgomery County Council has held town hall meetings throughout the County in its efforts to find out what issues most concern residents, and on October 5, they will learn what is on the minds of younger residents when it hosts its sixth annual Town Hall Meeting for Students.

The Council Office Building is located at 100 Maryland Ave. in downtown Rockville. It is about a three-block walk from the Rockville Metrorail station, which also is a main stopping point for many RideOn bus lines. For students traveling to the meeting by car, free parking will be available by entering the Council parking garage from the Fleet Street entrance.

High school and middle school students from public and private schools from around the County and students from local colleges will be able to express their views on any aspect of the Montgomery County Public Schools system or on outside programs that impact students. They also can ask questions of the Councilmembers. Among the major issues impacting schools and students is capacity issues at certain schools. All schools and students statewide will be affected by Governor Larry Hogan's recent executive order that will have all school systems starting their school years after Labor Day and getting in the full 180 days mandated by state law by June 15.

Students who want more information about the meeting can call 240-777-7931 or 240-777-7926. The meeting will be broadcast live on County Cable Montgomery (CCM—cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon) and rebroadcast at various times in the weeks following the meeting. Susan Kenedy, a producer for the County station, will moderate the meeting.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION IS OCTOBER 18, 2016

Montgomery County citizens who wish to vote in the 2016 Presidential General Election need to complete and submit their voter registration application no later than Tuesday, October 18, 2016, by 9 PM.

Are you registered to vote? Is your voter registration up to date? Is your current address reflected in your voter registration or make any other changes to your voter registration? Make sure you update your registration prior to October 18, 2016, so you are ready to vote.

Find out what you need to know to be ready for the election. Press Release



Countywide Meeting on Agricultural Reserve Monday, October 10 6:30pm The Universities at Shady Grove, Building II 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville

County Councilmember Craig Rice is hosting a countywide community discussion about the Agricultural Reserve. Call 240-777-7955 or email countymd.gov with any questions.

Did you know . . .?

"The Creation of the Agricultural Reserve

Development pressures grew in the second half of the twentieth century and Montgomery County's farms started to disappear at an alarming rate. Community planners began to brainstorm about ways they could preserve some of the county's historic farmland before it was swallowed up by residential and commercial development. In the 1960s, they pioneered the concept of "Wedges and Corridors," wherein development was concentrated along transportation corridors in order to retain green "wedges" in its midst. A Rural Zone was established during the 1970s, limiting building to one house per five acres in areas of contiguous farmland, but it didn't stanch the flow of farmland loss. In 1980, further deliberations culminated in a Master Plan that established an "Agricultural Reserve" of more than 90,000 acres in the northern and western part of the county. From hereon, for a substantial portion of the Reserve (the so-called RDT—rural density transfer—zone), only one house could be built per 25 acres." --- Montgomery Countryside Alliance

316,800
Total Land in Montgomery County (acres)*

63,493
Total Land in Farms (acres)*

540
Total Number of Farms*

* Data compiled from the 2012 Ag Census. Check out more stats in the Montgomery County Ag Census (and compare to 2007 stats).

7th Annual Montgomery County Farm Tour and Picnic Sunday, October 2

Watch out for hundreds of cyclists on October 2 who will be enjoying a rolling, scenic ride through Montgomery Country's Agricultural Reserve. This farm tour is an opportunity for advanced and beginning cyclists to meet local growers and to experience the Reserve's many gifts up close. There are routes of 18 up to 77 miles, all ending with an optional picnic at a local farm.

Sorry! Registration is now closed.

Mark your calendars for next year and visit http://www.mocoalliance.org

Plan for Community Service Week!

October 16-23 is the 30th anniversary of Community Service Week in Montgomery County. Projects for that week are being planned now. Ideas include working with your PTA to clean up the landscaping around your school or planning a collection drive with your co-workers to fight hunger in our community. Some funding for project materials is available, go to the <u>Volunteer Center website</u> to find out more and let us know your project ideas.

If you have questions or need help brainstorming project ideas email us or call 240-777-2600.

All Invited to 8th Annual World of Montgomery 2016 Sunday, October 16 12:00n – 4:00pm Montgomery College, Rockville Campus 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville

Join us and bring the whole family to experience various cultural traditions represented in Montgomery County at the 8th Annual World of Montgomery festival. Sponsored by the Fund for Montgomery, Montgomery County, Montgomery College and organized by KID Museum, the festival includes an international village, a global kitchen with chef demonstrations of traditional ethnic food, a craft market, a Parade of Cultures, two performance stages of traditional dance and music, traditional arts and fun activities for the whole family.

For more information, <u>view the flyer</u> or visit <u>www.worldofmontgomery.com</u> for information and videos and photos from last year.

Check out the short video!

English: https://youtu.be/q9I5O2XtIzk

French: https://youtu.be/kgvzFjgz1FA

Chinese: https://youtu.be/1r9K28p7oCo

Korean: https://youtu.be/87QdL2KKtFU

Amharic: https://youtu.be/T 7xfclF Wk

Spanish: https://youtu.be/bCbjMtVsaas

A message from . . .



Montgomery County Police Centralized Auto Theft Section, 240-773-6370

Auto theft and theft from vehicle remain a high-volume crime in Montgomery County. Residents can prevent and/or reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of these types of crimes by removing valuables and any spare keys from the vehicle, and locking the vehicle whenever it is left unattended. Having your vehicle or property stolen can be inconvenient and costly, and can also lead to additional victimization. If a suspect is able to obtain personal information from items in a vehicle, you are susceptible to becoming a victim of identity theft. Also, thieves have used stolen vehicles in the commission of other crimes.

The Montgomery County Police Department wants you to lower your risk of becoming a victim of auto theft and theft from vehicle by urging you to follow these safety tips:

- Keep your vehicle keys with you at all times, and never leave a spare key or valet key in your vehicle. Note: Valet keys can be used to start the vehicle.
- Close and lock all vehicle windows and doors when leaving vehicle unattended.
- Don't leave a vehicle running if unattended.
- If your vehicle has a "push button" ignition system, make sure that the vehicle is turned off and locked before you
 leave it unattended.
- Park in well-lit and well-traveled areas.
- Park in a secure garage if possible.
- Use a car alarm and/or anti-theft device.
- Use a vehicle locator device.

Many of these vehicle-related crimes occur overnight. The Montgomery County Police Department reminds residents to immediately call 9-1-1 if they observe any suspicious behavior or activity.

If you have questions relating to vehicle theft in Montgomery County, please call the Montgomery County Department of Police-Centralized Auto Theft Section at 240-773-6370.

Trying to Understand Medicare?

County's Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Has A New Home and A New Phone Number

County residents looking for help in understanding Medicare can call the local State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) at 301-255-4250. The free service provides Medicare beneficiaries of any age unbiased information about their health insurance benefits, guidance and assistance with enrollment, and help solving problems. SHIP can also help determine if individuals are eligible for help paying for Medicare coverage. Money Magazine calls enrolling in Medicare a critical financial milestone for seniors. The magazine recommends speaking with trained experts at SHIP for guidance.

SHIP services are provided by staff and trained volunteers. Most assistance is provided by telephone. A limited number of in-person appointments are available. SHIP volunteers staff community-based events year-round at convenient sites throughout Montgomery County.

SHIP is located at the Jewish Council for the Aging. Call 301-255-4250 to be matched with a trained volunteer.

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library

Department of Recreation http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp
Department of Transportation http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html

Department of Environmental Protection http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp Department of Permitting Services http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx

Montgomery County Volunteer Center http://www.montgomeryserves.org

Office of Community Partnerships http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html

Commission for Women http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html